(क) जी हां ।

(ख) डोमियासियात, मेघालय में 9,500 मीटरी टन यूरेनियम आक्साइड के भंडार उपलब्ध होने का अनुमान है जो कि 9.22 मिलियन मीटरी टन अयस्क में विद्यमान है और इसमें यू 3O8 (यूरेनियम आक्साइड) का औसत ग्रेड 0.104% है ।

(ग) अन्वेषणात्मक खनन कार्य पूरा किया जा चुका है और केवल 640 मीटरी टन अयस्क का उत्खनन किया गया है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) यह प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

FLEXIBLE COMPLEMENTING SCHEME

3271. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review of the Flexible Complementing scheme has been under taken by Government;

(b) whether the said scheme will be extended for promotion of scientists in National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO); and

(c) if so, by when the extension thereof will come into effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) An Inter-Departmental Group consisting of representatives of officers of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Personnel & Training and Department of Science & Technology has been constituted to look into the various aspects of the Flexible Complementing Scheme.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to extend the scheme to the National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation, Calcutta.

SETTING UP OF BANK TO CONSERVE MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS

****3271A. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have decided to set-up Banks to conserve medicinal and aromatic plants as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 13th December, 1993;

(b) If so, what is the location (state-wise) indicating whether any such Bank is likely to be set-up in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(c) What are the regions of exploration surveys assigned to such Banks indicating plans for development of natural data base, documentation etc.; and

(d) Whether any budgetary provisions have been made during 1993-94 indicating aid|assistance if any expected to be received from the World Bank and other International Financial Institutions, if so, the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of India through the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology have set up three national gene banks to conserve the medicinal and aromatic plants in the country. These gene banks are located at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi; Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow; and Tropical Botanical Garden & Research Institute (TBGRI), Trivandrum respectively. There is no plan to set up such banks at present in Rajasthan or Orissa.

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